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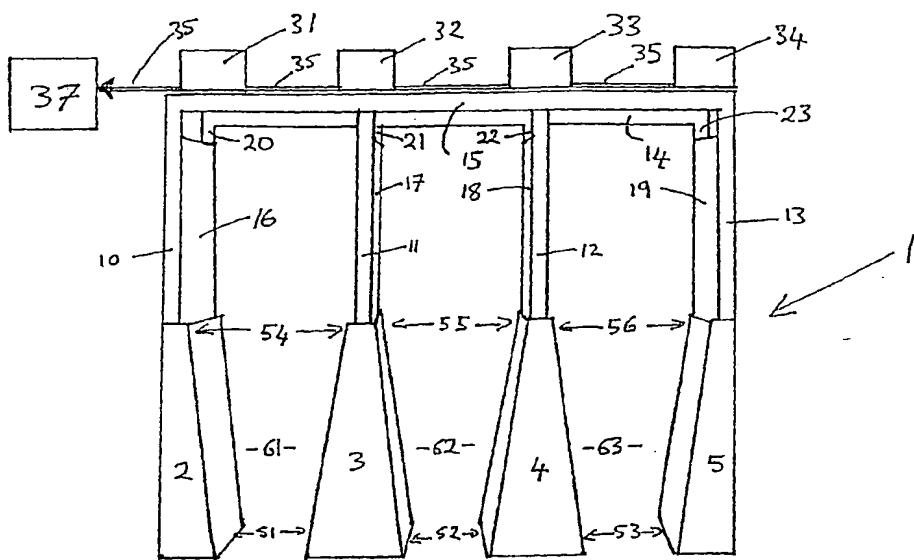
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(54) Title: IDENTIFYING APPARATUS



(57) Abstract: An identifying apparatus to identify objects typically livestock or mobile objects having electronic identification devices (EID), typically transponders, the identifying apparatus including multiple EID reading means, typically antennas, positioned in spaced apart relationship defining multiple pathways through which EID's carried by the objects, to be read, can pass in a single file through any one of the pathways and wherein each EID reading means is adapted to read any EID as the objects pass individually through any one of the pathways and computing means adapted to record each EID carried by an object only once irrespective of the number of EID reading means reads an EID or irrespective of the direction or how many times the object passes the multiple pathways. The apparatus can be associated with a marking means adapted to mark objects or livestock which do not activate the EID reading means.